ÉCOLE POLYTECHNIQUE

EXCHANGE PROGRAM FACT SHEET 2025-2026

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DISCOVER *ÉCOLE POLYTECHNIQUE*

Widely internationalized, École Polytechnique combines research, teaching and innovation at the highest scientific and technological level, and promotes a culture of excellence, open to a great humanist tradition.

Located 20km from Paris, École Polytechnique offers a vast campus with a wide range of services for students, providing a rich lifestyle.

The international academic exchange program enables international students enrolled in a science or engineering degree program at an institution outside France to attend courses at Ecole Polytechnique.

Learn more about Ecole Polytechnique's Exchange Program

REQUIREMENTS

We accept applications from exchange students for the whole academic year, the autumn semester or the spring semester. The duration of an exchange period is between 3 and 12 months maximum.

REQUIREMENTS TO APPLY:

· be currently enrolled on a degree in science and/or engineering
· have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above out of a potential 4.0
· have an excellent command of mathematics
· demonstrate sufficient academic and language skills for the desired courses at the École Polytechnique.

Students must choose one program according to their level of study, and select all their courses within this program.

UNDERGRADUATE LEVEL
-> BACHELOR PROGRAM

It is a 3-years study program, built on double majors:
· Mathematics & Computer Science
· Mathematics & Physics
· Mathematics & Economics

The program is fully taught in English. Students must demonstrate at least a B2 level in English, a C1 level is strongly recommended.

To apply to the Bachelor program, students must have completed at least one year of their program of study before the start of the exchange period.

GRADUATE LEVEL
-> INGÉNIEUR POLYTECHNIQUE PROGRAM

It is a 4-years study program, only the 2nd and the 3rd year of study are open to exchange students.

The 2nd year of study has a multidisciplinary approach and is fully taught in French. Students must demonstrate at least a B2 level in French, a C1 level is strongly recommended. Students must have completed at least 2 years of their program of study before the start of the exchange period.

The 3rd year of study enables students to choose a Scientific Specialization over 16 available. and is fully taught in English. Students must demonstrate at least a B2 in English, a C1 level is strongly recommended. Students must have completed at least 3 years of their program of study before the start of the exchange period.

ACADEMIC CALENDARS

Please be aware that the academic calendar varies by study program and by year of study.

UNDERGRADUATE LEVEL - BACHELOR PROGRAM

1st and 2nd years

	1st semester	2nd semester
Teaching	September to January	February to June
Examination	Early February	End of June

3rd year

	1st semester	2nd semester
Teaching	September to December	April to June*
Examination	Mid-December	End of June

*Period from January to March is dedicated to the Bachelor Thesis

ACADEMIC CALENDARS

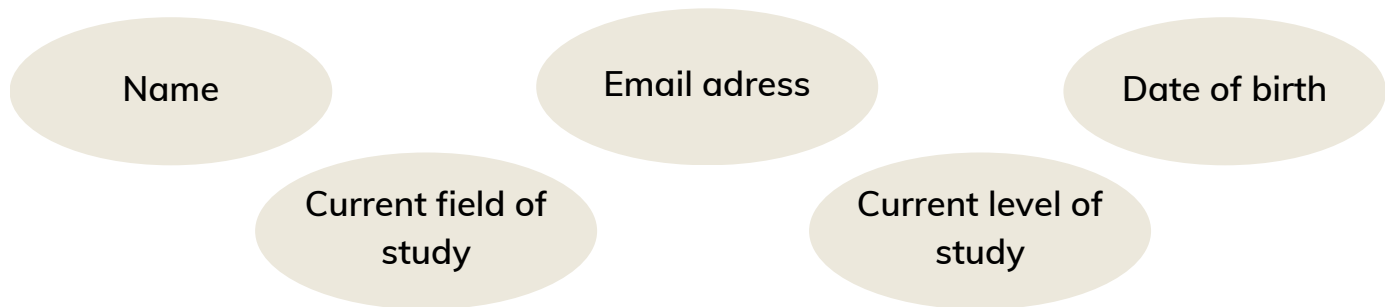## GRADUATE LEVEL - CYCLE INGÉNIEUR POLYTECHNICIEN PROGRAM

2nd year

	First Term	Second Term	Third Term
Teaching	August to Mid-November	Mid-November to Mid-February	Mid-February to Mid-May
Examination	Mid-November	Mid-February	End of May

3rd year

	First Term	Second Term	Third Term
Teaching	September to December	January to March	April to August
Examination	Mid-December	Mid-March	Thesis Defense

NOMINATION AND ADMISSION

Students are to be nominated by email to exchange-international@polytechnique.fr with the following information:

Name

Email adress

Date of birth

Current field of study

Current level of study

APPLICATION PROCESS

All applicants must submit their application online and upload supporting documents directly to the online application system.

A webinar will be held before each application deadline to help students with their applications and answer their questions.

ADMISSION PROCESSES

The Mobility Office receives and reviews all applications to check that the prerequisites are met. Applications are then forwarded to the academic supervisors of the departments in which the candidates are applying. An admissions jury, composed of the program directors, then decides on admissions on the basis of the recommendations made by the academic supervisors.

During this process, not all candidates will be selected, and some may be rejected if their qualifications do not meet the jury's expectations.

Once the decisions have been made, the Mobility Office will announce the admission results to all applicants.

NOMINATION AND ADMISSION

BACHELOR PROGRAM

FOR THE FALL SEMESTER OR FOR THE WHOLE YEAR:

Nomination deadine ➡	March 27, 2025
Application deadline ➡	April 13, 2025
Admission results ➡	End of May 2025

FOR THE SPRING SEMESTER:

Nomination deadine ➡	September 17, 2025
Application deadline ➡	October 1, 2025
Admission results ➡	Early November 2025

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Please note that there is only one nomination and application session per year at the graduate level. Graduate students can choose to apply for the Fall semester or for the whole year ; however, they cannot enroll only for the Spring semester.

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Nomination deadine ➡	March 27, 2025
Application deadline ➡	April 13, 2025
Admission results ➡	End of May 2025

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

COURSE OFFERED

Students must choose one program according to their level of study, and select all their courses within this program: Undergraduate level - Bachelor program or Graduate level - Ingénieur polytechnicien program.

It is strongly advised to select courses in one specific year of study and in one specific scientific track to avoid schedule conflicts. For more information please consult our Course selection guide.

Online course catalogue

At undergraduate level   At graduate level

COURSE LOAD

We expect exchange students to register for a minimum of 20 ECTS credits per period (semester or term) or 4 courses.

The maximum credits per period is 30 ECTS credits and for the full year 60 ECTS credits.

TRANSCRIPT OF RECORDS

École Polytechnique uses a literal grading system.

Transcript of records are available at the end of the exchange period. The official transcripts are sent by email to students and to their exchange coordinators on demand.

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

RESTRICTIONS

All plans of study must respect the admission offer and are submitted to academic validation.

Enrollment to courses cannot be guaranteed at the admission. The final confirmation takes place before the start of each semester.

For the following departments, the students will receive a list of available courses at the beginning of the semester:

- Management of Innovation and Entrepreneurship (MIE)
- Human and Sociale Sciences (HSS)
- Personnal development (PDV)
- Humanities and French Culture (HFC)

Courses **not open** to exchange students:

At graduate level:
- Masters of Data Science for Business and Data Science for finance.
- Internship taking place in the 2nd year of study.

Courses only open to exchange students staying **one full year:**

At undergraduate level:
- Bachelor thesis taking place in the 3rd year of study.

At graduate level:
- Internship taking place in the 3rd year of study

STUDENT LIFE

TUITION FEES PER SEMESTER FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Tuition fees are waived to students admitted as part of a mutual exchange agreement between their home university and École Polytechnique. Please note that these students must be nominated by their home institution to join us. This includes Erasmus+ exchanges. Visiting students are liable for tuition fees as indicated below.

Visiting students	Tuition fees per month
EU	€1,200
NON-EU students	€1,500

LIVING COSTS

Estimated cost for living on the campus: €800 per month.

Know more about living costs

ACTIVITIES

École Polytechnique has a vibrant student life that can be attributed to the wide range of associations available to students. In total, our students take part in almost 250 associations in a great variety of cultural, artistic, social, scientific, religious and sporting activities.

WELCOME DAY

The International Affairs Office organizes a Welcome day at the beginning of each semester to help students find their way around campus and provide them with the necessary tools for a successful exchange period on our campus. Participating to these activities is mandatory.

BASIX

A dedicated Welcome Desk for international students and scientists (BasiX) provides support and assistance to international students joining École Polytechnique. The BasiX department offers help with formalities linked to the arrival in France (visa and residence permit, medical insurance, on-campus housing, etc.). The BasiX also accompanies international students to get familiar with the School and the community (cultural outings, team building activities, etc.).

STUDENT LIFE

INSURANCES

Students must have an affiliation to the French Healthcare System and all students must have a liability insurance.

HOUSING

École Polytechnique offers exchange students access to student residences on campus, according to availability. Please note that on-campus accommodation is not guaranteed. The assignment of accommodation is confirmed shortly after admission.

Should it not be possible to offer accommodation to all students requesting it, École polytechnique will provide the necessary information to help students find their own accommodation.

More information

HEALTH AND COUNSELING SERVICES

The medical center located on the École Polytechnique's campus is divided into four entities: a medical service, a preventive care service, a psychology service and a social service. Exchange students have access to these services and more detailed information will be provided to them at their arrival on campus.